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10 pounds above his top fighting weight, Willard says he's "in good condition, but I don't think I could go twenty." Having invested wisely in Los Angeles real estate in the '20s, he's "pretty well off," spends his time gardening and doing "a lot of rocking" in the chair by his TV set. Patterson-Johansson? "I don't know anything about them."

NEW YORK CITY — Mickey Walker, high-living former welterweight and middleweight champion who, running out of men his own size (160 pounds), took on the heavies, beat King Levinsky and fought a draw with Jack Sharkey,

is now 59. He lives in a five-room apartment on the East Side here with his fourth wife, Marci. (He has been married seven times in all, counting rematches with former mates.) Mickey is now a public-relations man for a liquor company. His avocation is painting (he's an impressionist), and he's good enough to have had a dozen one-man exhibitions. Mickey, "The Toy Bulldog" who quit the ring in 1936, will make no prediction about the upcoming Patterson-Johansson heavyweight title fight (see page 88). "The first fight I picked Patterson and he got flattened. The next time I picked Johansson and he got flattened."

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Headlines to Come

UNITED NATIONS — Watch for Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to ask for an appointment to see President Kennedy in Washington. Gromyko, Communist diplomats report, brought a special message for JFK from Premier Khrushchev when he arrived here for the General Assembly.

JAKARTA — A Soviet missile base in Indonesia? THE PERISCOPE learns the Russians are dickering for one. Their lever is the recently concluded pact to supply Indonesia with \$400 million worth of Soviet arms. A top Russian rocket and space expert, now here on a three-week "cultural" mission, is trying to work out an agreement with the Sukarno government. Such a base could be used for Pacific test shots, or, in case of war, for rocket attacks on Southeast Asia and Australia.

LONDON — The Royal Navy will soon beef up its sub-killer forces in the Indian Ocean and the Southwest Pacific. The reason: Red China's growing submarine fleet. Intelligence reports indicate four new medium-range subs are now nearing completion at Shanghai. Red China already has 25 subs, some Russian-built, some homemade, according to Admiralty sources.

Overseas Ticker

PARIS — It's being kept quiet, but more than 1,000 French Army officers have tried to resign their commissions in recent months. Why? They disagree with President de Gaulle's Algerian policy. One paratrooper major with a brilliant combat record has just been assigned to headquarters of the crack Tenth Parachute Division. His mission: Dissuading fellow officers from asking out.

BUDAPEST — Real reason for Soviet President Brezhnev's Sanitized - Approved For Release

Africa: Stern warning to Hungarian puppet Janos Kadar to start paying back Soviet loans advanced after the 1956 revolt. The first installment, Communist diplomats here report, runs to about \$60 million and is at least a year overdue.

TEHERAN — Veteran career diplomat Edward T. (Tom) Wailes, now U.S. ambassador to Iran, will leave here soon to become ambassador to Morocco. With Morocco in a transitional period following the death of King Mohammed V, the State Department views the Rabat post as critical. Wailes replaces Charles Yost, recently named a delegate to the U.N. General Assembly.

The Diplomatic Pouch

EMBASSY ROW — Look for JFK to start calling foreign ambassadors to his office for quiet chats. The President tells associates he wants to become better acquainted with individual members of the diplomatic corps, learn firsthand their views on world problems.

JERUSALEM — A good bet to be new U.S. ambassador to Israel: Walworth Barbour, now Minister-Counselor in London.

STATE DEPARTMENT — Career diplomats are grumbling because the vital post of Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs, traditionally reserved for Foreign Service officers, has been offered to two outsiders. However, both of them—Deputy CIA director Richard Bissell and Harvard Prof. Robert Bowie—turned down the job. Word here now is that career man Roy Kohler, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, may be promoted to the position.